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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEAL Pecember 12, 2011

FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT

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Petitioner,

v. No. 11-9537

ERIC H. HOLDER, JR., United States Attorney General,

Respondent.

ORDER

Before HARTZ, O'BRIEN and MATHESON, Circuit Judges.

The petitioner seeks review of a decision by the Board of Immigration

Appeals denying his motion to reopen his proceedings. The government has filed a motion to dismiss, arguing that this court lacks jurisdiction.

Although under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.2(a) the BIA has discretion to reopen and reconsider an earlier decision, this court lacks jurisdiction to consider the refusal of the BIA to exercise this discretion. *Belay-Gebru v. INS*, 327 F.3d 998, 1000-01 (10th Cir. 2003) (holding that because there is no meaningful standard against which to judge the BIA's exercise of its discretion, the court lacked jurisdiction to

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review the petitioner's claim that the BIA should have *sua sponte* reconsidered his case).

Accordingly, the government's motion to dismiss is **GRANTED**, and this appeal is **DISMISSED**. The petitioner's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **GRANTED**.

Entered for the Court ELISABETH A. SHUMAKER, Clerk

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